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In re Patent Application of:
Brian G. Connor *et al.*

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For: SURGICAL DEVICES INCORPORATING
LIQUID JET ASSISTED TISSUE
MANIPULATION AND METHODS FOR
THEIR USE

Examiner: Katherine Marie Dowe

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated June 24, 2008 (Paper No. 20080620), the response due date of which is extended to December 24, 2008 by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application based on the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.